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tory Bird Habitat

EREP Investigation No:

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Period Covered:

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Type of Report:

Monthly Progress

Overall Status:

There is no significant changes in the status of this program since the previous month's report. No S-192 computer compatible tapes (CCT's) have been received to date, nor have any photographic products from SL-3 been received. Although we have not received formal notification, it is our understanding that S-192 CCT's are not being delivered to investigators until improvements in their product quality are complete.

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Currently, efforts on this program are devoted to an update of a software program for generating statistics on surface water features. Many of the algorithms for this program have been rewritten to make the program more compatible for use with satellite data. In particular, a major rewrite of existing programs has been necessary in order to accomodate the approximately 1033 points per scan line in the EREP S-192 data. It is expected that software modifications will be complete by early or mid-January 1974.

Recommendations for Action:

There are no recommendations beyond those made in previous reports.

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Expected Accomplishments During the Next Period:

We will await the receipt of photographic data, S-192 screening film and CCT's.

Significant Results:

None to report.

Summary Outlook:

The remaining processing and analysis to be performed constitutes the major effort of the program.

Travel Summary and Outlook:

No travel has been undertaken or is anticipated for the forthcoming period.